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Spotlight on Clean Air



The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) AIR Now program collects real-time ground level ozone data from over 1400 air quality monitors across the United States and Canada. These data are used to generate hourly gridded maps that

Two HHW Events Remain!

Time: 8am - 3pm
Saturday, **May 9** in **Bolingbrook** and
Saturday, **May 16** in **Monee**



Residents are encouraged to bring unwanted latex and oil-based paint, pesticides, fertilizers, left over driveway sealant, used automotive chemicals such as antifreeze and brake fluid, oil/gas mixes from snow blowers, oil filters, along with much more for proper recycling and disposal. The event also includes collection for mercury containing items such as glass thermometers, CFL and fluorescent tube bulbs. Most medications are also part of the Household Hazardous Waste collection.

May 9
Bolingbrook Village Hall Lot
375 W. Briarcliff Road
Bolingbrook, IL, 60440

May 16
Will County Highway Facility
25930 S. Egyptian Trail
Monee, IL, 60449

Gym Shoe and Textile Collection Week!

May 11-15 - 8:30am-4:30pm
Friday WJOL on-site 6am-9am
302 N. Chicago St.
Joliet, IL 60432



Once again Will County will be offering a week long collection event at the County Building aimed at keeping clothes, shoes and more out of our landfill. The Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division will be partnering with WJOL AM1340 and St. Vincent DePaul and on Friday, they will be on site to offer donation receipts for all types of textiles and small home goods.

vividly show smog developing and moving.

Every day the Air Quality Index (AQI) tells you how clean or polluted your outdoor air is, along with associated health effects that may be of concern. The AQI translates air quality data into numbers and colors that help people understand when to take action to protect their health.

Every year, over 125 million Americans are exposed to unhealthy levels of smog, primarily ground-level ozone and particle pollution. Air quality maps show where air pollution is bad right now and enables the public to avoid exposure and alter behavior when unhealthy air occurs.

Learn more at www.airnow.gov

There are actions every one of us can take to reduce air pollution and keep the air cleaner, and precautionary measures you can take to protect your health. Please visit this [website page](#) for guides to help you determine ways to protect your family's health when ozone or particle pollution levels reach the unhealthy range, and ways you can help reduce air pollution at home, school or at

Collection bins will be available during normal business hours just inside the doors, in the first floor lobby of the Will County Office Building.

Items accepted include gym shoes, boots, shoes, pants, shirts and dresses as well as drapes, tablecloths, blankets, and towels. Items with stains, broken zippers, rips or missing buttons will be accepted for recycling. Cotton and polyester can be recycled into other items, such as insulation for homes, sound proofing for vehicles and much more!

The WJOL morning crew will be on-site on Friday, May 15 from 6am-9am to give local schools and businesses dropping off items a shout out for their recycling and reuse efforts! St. Vincent DePaul will be on site on Friday to provide donation receipts for both textiles and home items such as lamps, picture frames, DVDs, utensils, plates, bikes, books and much more! Donate on Friday morning and get a pencil made from denim!

Shredding Confidential Documents



Will County has offered document shredding the past few years as part of the three-day Book Reuse and Recycling Event but many participants have requested we offer in-person document destruction. This is more expensive but in an effort to provide the service, we have contracted for on-site, in-person shredding to be done at the Bluestem Earth Festival.

For three hours on Saturday, May 30 at the University of St. Francis, Will County will be in the parking lot at Taylor & Plainfield Road in Joliet to accept your unwanted confidential documents for FREE. Residents are asked to bring only paperwork that has confidential information on it, such as social security or bank account numbers.

Please understand that this service is not intended for general bills and paperwork. We reserve the right to reject school work, correspondence, children's art work or other non-confidential materials.

your place of business.

For a fast, simple daily email on the quality of the air in our area, sign up at [EnviroFlash](#).

Drop-Off Sites Available Weekly

(click to see locations and hours of operation)

[Battery Recycling](#)

[CFL Recycling](#)

[Electronic Device Recycling](#)

[Latex Paint Recycling Retailers](#)

[Medication Take-Back](#)

[Textile Donation or Drop-Off Sites](#)

[Traditional Recycling Drop-Off Sites](#)
(Bottles, Cans, Paper, Cardboard)

[Tire Recycling Retailers](#)

[Mark Your Calendar](#)

Prevent Water Pollution!

Spring brings many outdoor activities such as car washing and lawn maintenance. Yard fertilizers, car and lawn mower fuels and oils, pesticides, soaps, pet waste, grass clippings, and



numerous other pollutants can end up in the County's stormwater. Pollution on the community's driveways, streets, parking lots, lawns, and businesses is washed by rain into storm drains.

This runoff water leads directly to the County's drinking water supplies and the creeks, ponds, rivers lakes. This stormwater pollution is hazardous to clean, abundant water. By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, everyone can help to keep common pollutants out of Will County's stormwater. This can quickly add up to cleaner water, and save everyone the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

Here are some hints to help prevent pollution from entering our stormwater:

- Use fertilizer sparingly and brush it off of driveways and sidewalks, back onto your lawn
- Keep leaves, grass clippings, trash, and fertilizers out of storm drains
- Do not dump motor oil, chemicals, pet waste, dirty or soapy water, or anything else down the storm drain
- Keep your septic system well-maintained
- Install a rain barrel or cistern to capture roof runoff

Remember, only rain belongs in the drain!

Bluestem Earth Festival!



Bluestem Earth Festival 2015: Living with Justice and Care is an effort of the Joliet

Franciscan Sisters and Associates offering education and ideas for action. This [FREE event](#) will feature a variety of earth friendly activities such as workshops, eco-conscious exhibits and vendors, entertainment and children's activities. There will also be speakers addressing contemporary social concerns such as human trafficking and water issues. A tour of the historic Motherhouse building on the grounds of the USF campus, food and music will round out the day.

May 9
Household
Hazardous Waste
Event
8am-3pm
Saturday
Bolingbrook

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Spring
Environmental
Expo
Saturday
Plainfield

May 15
Textile
Collection(Clothes
& Shoes)
8:30am-4:30pm
Monday-Friday
Joliet

May 16
Household
Hazardous Waste
Event
8am-3pm
Saturday
Monee

May 30
Bluestem Earth
Festival
10am-4pm
Document
Sredding
10am-1pm

While enjoying Bluestem's live entertainment, stop by our Ice Cream Social located under the USF quad pavilion. Pick a flavor, get a scoop and grab a friend to chat!

Join ComEd's RRTP and save money!

Over four years ago an employee of the Will County Resource Recovery and Energy Division placed their home electric in ComEd's Residential Real Time Pricing program. Over that time they learned that if they run large appliances such as the dishwasher and clothes washer in the evening or late at night, they pay less for electricity than if they run those appliances in the middle of the day. They have saved an average of \$10 a month over the time of their enrollment. Results vary but for people able to time their high energy use (air conditioning set at 80 on week days and 75 on evenings and weekends) there are financial rewards. Use a space heater, but only in the evenings? You may also get lower rates than the standard bill. Find out more at: <https://rrtp.comed.com/>

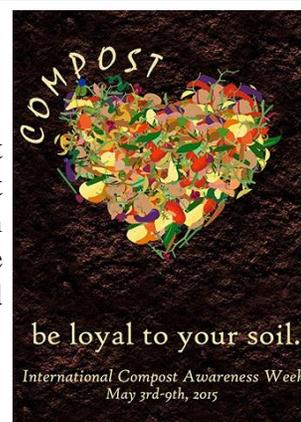


International Compost Awareness Week

ICAW is a multi-media education event that showcases composting and compost products. It features everything from composting in your backyard to large-scale commercial composting facilities and businesses serving entire communities.

This year's theme is:
BE LOYAL TO YOUR SOIL: Compost!

In the United States, we are celebrating the Year of Soils. The theme will center on the need for compost as a component of healthy soil in infrastructure development, agriculture and food production - compost's role in everything from mitigation of brownfields, stormwater management and erosion control, and water conservation. Visit [ICAW](#) for more info!.



Joliet

June 5,6,7
Book ReUse &
Recycling Event
9am-4pm
Joliet

August 1
Really, Really
Free Market
Plainfield

September 12
Sharefest
Collection
8am-3pm

New Lenox
|
September 19
Sharefest Give-
Away
9am-3pm
New Lenox

Join Our Mailing List!



May 2015

Book ReUse & Recycling Event!

If you love to read or you have a bunch of books you no longer want, this is the event for you! Join us at Pilcher Park on June 5,6,7 for a fun and unique FREE event.



For those in a hurry, drive in and drop-off boxes of books and magazines. For those with a few minutes to spare, come in and browse the tables full of selections in every category. Old and new mix together. There are school books, coffee table books, romances, and, of course, Children's books!

For more info, visit our event page by clicking [here](#).



Thanks to all for Amazing Recyclpalooza!

Over 1,500 households serviced, over 77,000 pounds of electronics brought from 55% of participants and over 4 semi-loads of hazardous materials taken from 49% of vehicles! The parking lots of the Joliet Junior College overflowed on Saturday, April 11 with an abundance of people waiting to recycle and we deeply appreciated their patience as we broke all participation levels ever set in the County's twenty years of collection events! Thank you to the city for their assistance in promoting the event, the college for hosting and providing traffic assistance and volunteer support and to everyone for their Earth Day spirit!



IRA | ILCSWMA | SWANA
Annual Joint Conference
Reinvest. Reinvest.

June 17-19, 2015

illinoisrecycles.org/jointconference

Embassy Suites East Peoria Hotel & Conference Center

Reserve your room today! Mention "Recycling Conference" to receive the conference rate of \$119 per night. Reservations can be made online at embassysuiteseastpeoria.com, (Under "Add special rate codes" enter REC in Group Code) or call 1-800-EMBASSY by May 27th, 2015.



[Click for more information on the Illinois Recycling Conference](#)

See more photos from events and learn more about area "green" efforts by becoming a fan of our [Facebook Page](#)